

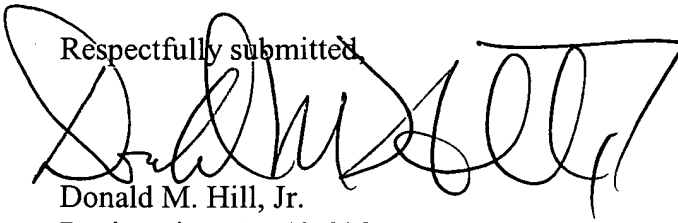
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-23 and 25-28 are pending. Claims 1-23 and 26-28 are allowed. Claim 25 is rejected as unpatentable over Ghizawi in view of Emerson et al.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowed claims. Applicant has amended Claim 25 to recite that the cooling air supply line that supplies cooling air to the cooling air supply passage of the center housing is coupled from an engine intake duct downstream of the compressor to the cooling air supply passage. As before, a filter is arranged in the cooling air supply line for removing oil vapor from the cooling air before the cooling air is supplied to cool the foil bearing assembly. Ghizawi does not disclose such an arrangement. Ghizawi takes his cooling air from the compressor inlet upstream of the compressor. Emerson likewise does not disclose an arrangement as claimed.

It is submitted that the amendment clearly places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of the amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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